

Remarks

Claims 1 and 3 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,253,021 and claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,278,834.

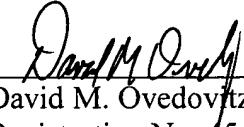
Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer linking the present application to U.S. Patent Nos. 6,253,021 and 6,278,834. As a result, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer and the above remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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